Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commonwealth Transportation Board

THROUGH: Charles M. Badger
Agency Director

FROM: Corey Hill
Chief of Public Transportation

DATE: September 16, 2009

SUBJECT: Monthly Statewide Ridership Report

DRPT is pleased to present the monthly statewide ridership report, summarizing July 2009 transit, human service and passenger rail ridership data. This monthly report provides a snapshot of current performance and recent trends. DRPT continues to work with individual operators to refine data and ensure that all modes, including bus, rail and specialized service for the elderly and disabled, are accurately reported, and to ensure that this monthly report is comprehensive.

The following key facts are based on a year-over-year comparison of monthly results reported by operators for July 2008 and July 2009.

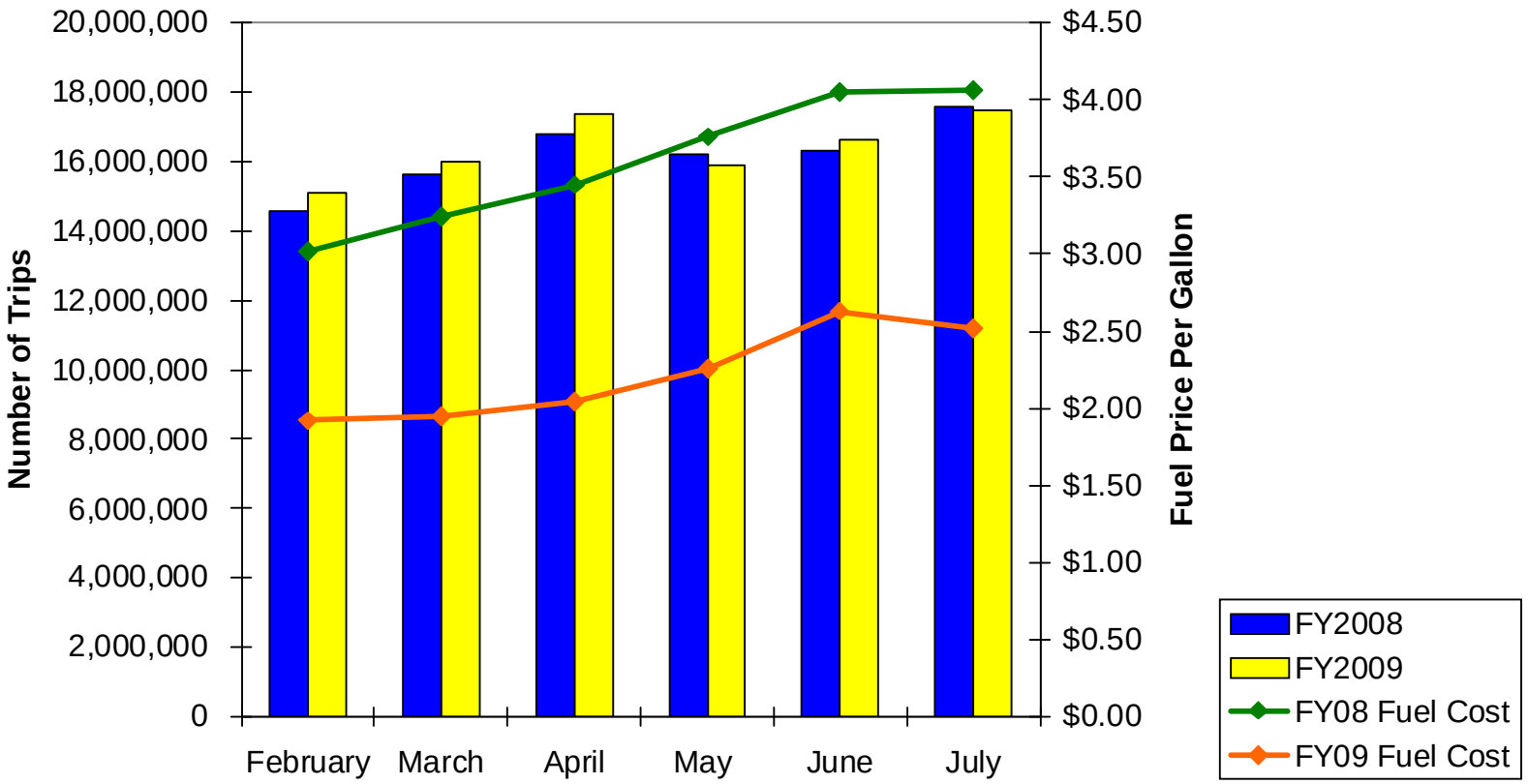
Key Facts

- Year over year comparisons:
  - The price of fuel per gallon dropped 38 percent to $2.52 per gallon in July 2009, as compared to the July 2008 price of $4.06 per gallon.
  - Virginia statewide ridership for the month of July 2009 decreased by one percent as compared to July 2008 ridership, based on reports from 58 (of 59) transit operators, 54 (of 56) human service operators, and both passenger rail operators.
  - July 2009 included the same number of weekdays as July 2008.

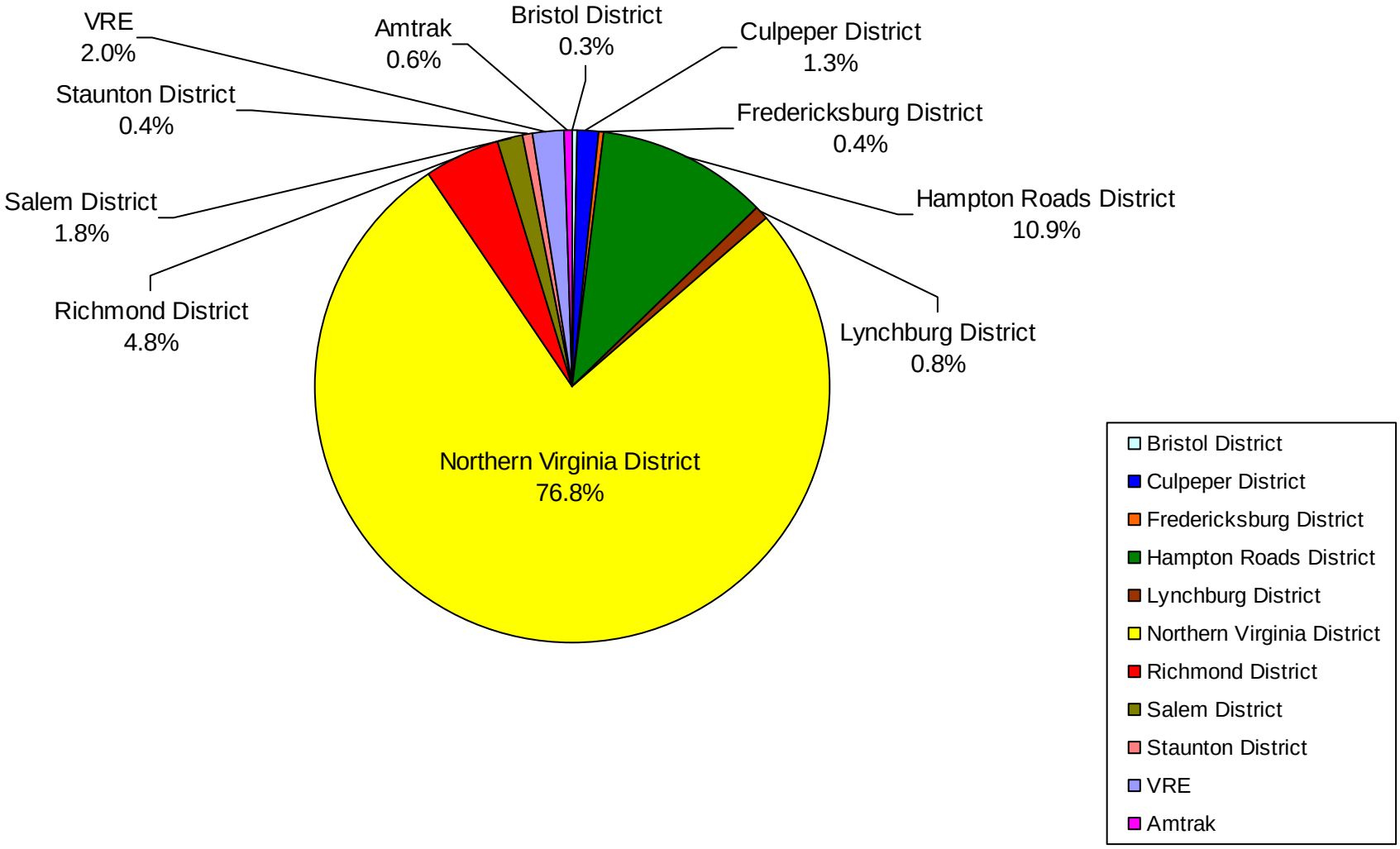
- Transportation district comparisons:
  - In transit ridership, the **Northern Virginia District** accounts for the majority at 79.2 percent in July 2009, followed by the Hampton Roads District at 11.1 percent and the Richmond District at 4.9 percent.
  - In human service ridership, the **Staunton District** accounts for the majority at 21.8 percent in July 2009, followed by the Hampton Roads District at 17.1 percent and the Northern Virginia District at 13.2 percent.
  - The district with the greatest increase in transit and human service ridership combined for July 2009, as compared to July 2008, is the **Lynchburg District** at 28 percent, or 31,396 additional trips.

FY2008-FY2009 Ridership and Fuel Cost Comparison

Ridership decreases one percent while fuel cost decreases by 38 percent



July 2009 Statewide Ridership by District



VRE and Amtrak ridership is not included within district totals because the operators provide cross-district service.
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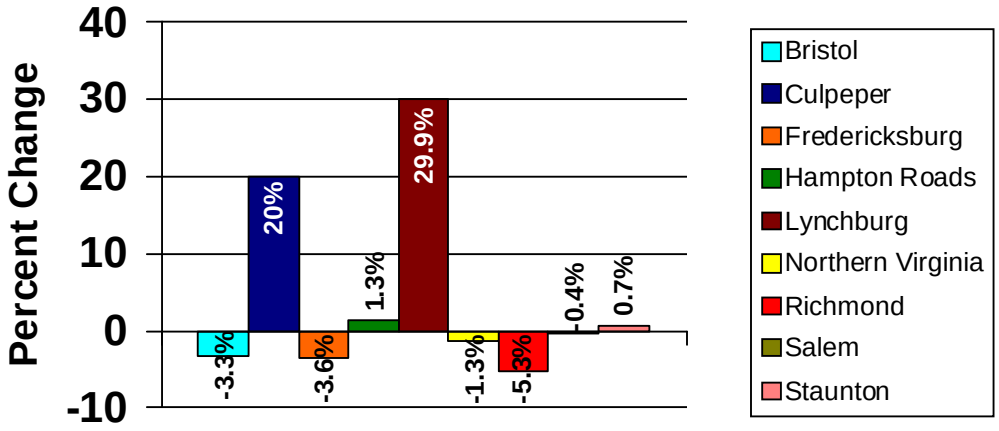
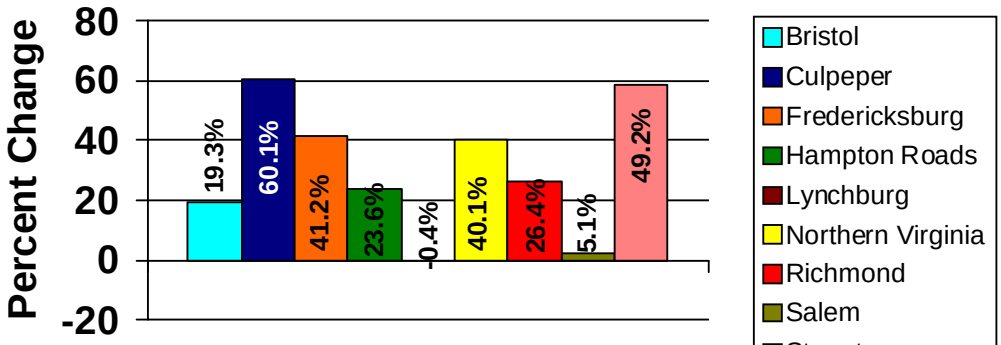
July 2009 vs. July 2008
Transit Ridership by District



Statewide transit ridership decreased 0.7 percent

July 2009 vs. July 2008
Human Service Ridership by District



Statewide human service ridership increased 31.3 percent

July Statewide Ridership Report

Operator	Total Ridership July 2009	Total Ridership July 2008	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009 - July 2009)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008 - July 2008)	Percent Change
Passenger Rail						
Virginia Railway Express	342,930	338,591	1%	342,930	338,591	1%
Amtrak (Virginia Only)	99,207	107,672	-8%	99,207	107,672	-8%
Total Passenger Rail Ridership	**442,137**	**446,263**	**-1%**	**442,137**	**446,263**	**-1%**
Bristol District						
City of Bristol Transit	7,594	7,276	4%	7,594	7,276	4%
District Three Public Transit	23,274	20,184	15%	23,274	20,184	15%
Four County Transit	12,532	16,003	-22%	12,532	16,003	-22%
Junction Center For Independent Living	365	266	37%	365	266	37%
Mount Rogers Community Services Board	1,813	1,560	16%	1,813	1,560	16%
Mountain Empire Older Citizens	4,710	6,002	-22%	4,710	6,002	-22%
Town of Bluefield-Graham Transit	3,012	3,395	-11%	3,012	3,395	-11%
Bristol District Total	**53,300**	**54,686**	**-3%**	**53,300**	**54,686**	**-3%**
Culpeper District						
Charlottesville Transit Service	184,773	148,806	24%	184,773	148,806	24%
Greene County Transit	3,841	3,910	-2%	3,841	3,910	-2%
JAUNT	24,669	23,085	7%	24,669	23,085	7%
Rappahannock-Rapidan CSB-AAA	5,255	3,283	60%	5,255	3,283	60%
VRT - Culpeper County	469	360	30%	469	360	30%
VRT - Fauquier/Warrenton	1,886	1,661	14%	1,886	1,661	14%
VRT - Town Of Culpeper	5,787	6,392	-9%	5,787	6,392	-9%
VRT - Town Of Orange	2,517	2,565	-2%	2,517	2,565	-2%
Culpeper District Total	**229,197**	**190,062**	**21%**	**229,197**	**190,062**	**21%**
Fredericksburg District						
Bay Aging	12,851	14,306	-10%	12,851	14,306	-10%
Bay Aging/Colonial Beach Transit	1,663	1,181	41%	1,663	1,181	41%
FRED - Caroline County	768	768	0%	768	768	0%
FRED - King George	1,643	1,987	-17%	1,643	1,987	-17%
Fredericksburg Regional Transit	42,277	43,139	-2%	42,277	43,139	-2%
Rappahannock Area Community Services Board	11,507	8,147	41%	11,507	8,147	41%
Fredericksburg District Total	**70,709**	**69,528**	**2%**	**70,709**	**69,528**	**2%**

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Hampton Roads District						
Arc of the Virginia Peninsula	1,128	1,566	-28%	1,128	1,566	-28%
Bon Secours Senior Health	484	556	-13%	484	556	-13%
Chesapeake Service Systems	482	382	26%	482	382	26%
Eastern Shore Community Services Board	3,032	2,760	10%	3,032	2,760	10%
Endependence Center	2	3	-33%	2	3	-33%
ESAAA/CAA	1,271	890	43%	1,271	890	43%
Hampton Roads Transit	1,496,348	1,387,237	8%	1,496,348	1,387,237	8%
Historic Triangle Senior Center	692	n/a	n/a	692	n/a	n/a
Peninsula Agency on Aging	1,572	1,878	-16%	1,572	1,878	-16%
Senior Services	4,152	1,756	136%	4,152	1,756	136%
STAR Transit	2,470	3,039	-19%	2,470	3,039	-19%
Sussex-Greensville-Emporia Adult Activity Services	1,908	1,821	5%	1,908	1,821	5%
Town of Chincoteague	6,710	6,848	-2%	6,710	6,848	-2%
Western Tidewater Community Service Board	439	657	-33%	439	657	-33%
Williamsburg Area Transit	378,701	462,177	-18%	378,701	462,177	-18%
Hampton Roads District Total	**1,899,391**	**1,871,570**	**1%**	**1,899,391**	**1,871,570**	**1%**
Lynchburg District						
Blackstone Area Bus / Piedmont Area Transit	764	762	0%	764	762	0%
Central VA Area Agency on Aging	3,234	3,012	7%	3,234	3,012	7%
Crossroads Community Services	153	n/a	n/a	153	n/a	n/a
Danville City's Parks, Recreation, And Tourism; Stonewall Therapeutic Recreation Center	97	87	11%	97	87	11%
Danville Transit System	20,750	21,924	-5%	20,750	21,924	-5%
Danville-Pittsylvania Community Services	147	n/a	n/a	147	n/a	n/a
Farmville Area Bus	4,215	3,966	6%	4,215	3,966	6%
Greater Lynchburg Transit Company	110,305	77,930	42%	110,305	77,930	42%
JAUNT Buckingham	1,170	784	49%	1,170	784	49%
Lake Area Bus / Halifax Area Rural Transit	497	657	-24%	497	657	-24%
Southside Community Services Board	2,074	2,674	-22%	2,074	2,674	-22%
STEPS	1,001	1,228	-18%	1,001	1,228	-18%
The Arc Of Central Virginia	13	n/a	n/a	13	n/a	n/a
Lynchburg District Total	**144,420**	**113,024**	**28%**	**144,420**	**113,024**	**28%**

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Northern Virginia District						
Alexandria Transit Company - DASH	349,678	378,240	-8%	349,678	378,240	-8%
Arlington County	138,261	125,485	10%	138,261	125,485	10%
City of Alexandria - King Street Trolley	52,750	75,096	-30%	52,750	75,096	-30%
City of Fairfax - CUE	73,121	82,773	-12%	73,121	82,773	-12%
ECHO	4,389	3,957	11%	4,389	3,957	11%
Fairfax County - Connector	811,731	948,821	-14%	811,731	948,821	-14%
Jewish Community Center of Northern Virginia	152	104	46%	152	104	46%
Loudoun County Transit	78,918	80,497	-2%	78,918	80,497	-2%
PRTC	287,753	290,453	-1%	287,753	290,453	-1%
The Arc of Greater Prince William	7,149	4,284	67%	7,149	4,284	67%
VRT - Loudoun	57,654	47,378	22%	57,654	47,378	22%
VRT- Town Of Purcellville	2,116	2,455	-14%	2,116	2,455	-14%
WMATA Metrobus	1,889,137	2,001,532	-6%	1,889,137	2,001,532	-6%
WMATA Metrorail**	9,676,437	9,557,315	1%	9,676,437	9,557,315	1%
Northern Virginia District Total	**13,429,246**	**13,598,390**	**-1%**	**13,429,246**	**13,598,390**	**-1%**

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Richmond District						
A Grace Place Adult Care Center	666	539	24%	666	539	24%
American Red Cross	844	890	-5%	844	890	-5%
Bay Aging/New Kent - Charles City	1,298	975	33%	1,298	975	33%
Beth Sholom Home	423	289	46%	423	289	46%
Blackstone Area Bus	1,961	1,850	6%	1,961	1,850	6%
Blackstone Area Bus - Dinwiddie County	305	n/a	n/a	305	0	0%
Blackstone Area Bus - Town & County Transit	390	279	40%	390	279	40%
Blackstone Area Bus- Brunswick Express	181	211	-14%	181	211	-14%
Chesterfield Community Services Board	1,498	1,527	-2%	1,498	1,527	-2%
Crater District Area Agency On Aging /FGP	3,057	4,046	-24%	3,057	4,046	-24%
Daily Planet	103	n/a	n/a	103	0	0%
ElderHomes	186	174	7%	186	174	7%
Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services	284	240	18%	284	240	18%
GRTC Transit System	819,160	865,663	-5%	819,160	865,663	-5%
Henrico Area Mh/Mr Services	23	n/a	n/a	23	0	0%
Lake Country Area Agency on Aging	1,655	1,753	-6%	1,655	1,753	-6%
Richmond Community Action Program	736	n/a	n/a	736	0	0%
St. Joseph's Villa	1,952	n/a	n/a	1,952	0	0%
Weinstein Jewish Community Center	80	119	-33%	80	119	-33%
Richmond District Total	**834,802**	**878,555**	**-5%**	**834,802**	**878,555**	**-5%**
Salem District						
Blacskburg Transit	81,055	67,664	20%	81,055	67,664	20%
Goodwill Industries Of The Valleys	277	n/a	n/a	277	n/a	n/a
Greater Roanoke Transit Company	208,354	226,115	-8%	208,354	226,115	-8%
New River Valley Community Services	1,889	1,925	-2%	1,889	1,925	-2%
Piedmont Community Services	573	563	2%	573	563	2%
Pulaski Area Transit	8,232	7,255	13%	8,232	7,255	13%
RADAR - Martinsville/Henry County	182	n/a	n/a	182	n/a	n/a
RADAR - Roanoke	2,226	285	681%	2,226	285	681%
Southern Area Agency on Aging	4,083	4,177	-2%	4,083	4,177	-2%
Stepping Stones	40	35	14%	40	35	14%
Salem District Total	**306,911**	**308,019**	**0%**	**306,911**	**308,019**	**0%**

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Staunton District						
City of Harrisonburg Dept. of Public Transportation	19,191	17,230	11%	19,191	17,230	11%
City of Winchester	10,526	12,950	-19%	10,526	12,950	-19%
Grafton, Inc.	1,588	1,796	-12%	1,588	1,796	-12%
Northwestern Community Services	1,222	1,000	22%	1,222	1,000	22%
Pleasant View, Inc.	5,417	n/a	n/a	5,417	n/a	n/a
RADAR / Covington & Clifton Forge	1,229	1,337	-8%	1,229	1,337	-8%
Rockbridge Area CSB	968	1,908	-49%	968	1,908	-49%
Rockbridge Area Occupational Center, Inc.	307	735	-58%	307	735	-58%
Rockbridge Area Transportation System Inc.	1,028	653	57%	1,028	653	57%
Shen-Paco Industries, Inc.	110	132	-17%	110	132	-17%
Shenandoah Area Agency on Aging, Inc.	2,968	2,544	17%	2,968	2,544	17%
The Arc of Harrisonburg/Rockingham	637	583	9%	637	583	9%
Valley Program for Aging Services	2,846	2,755	3%	2,846	2,755	3%
Vector Industries, Inc.	2,168	62	3397%	2,168	62	3397%
Virginia Regional Transit - CATS Coordinated Area Transportation	5,347	3,610	48%	5,347	3,610	48%
Virginia Regional Transit - City Of Staunton	9,997	10,961	-9%	9,997	10,961	-9%
Virginia Regional Transit - Clarke County	186	110	69%	186	110	69%
Virginia Regional Transit - Page County	671	722	-7%	671	722	-7%
Virginia Regional Transit - Shenandoah Blue Ridge Service	2,282	1,657	38%	2,282	1,657	38%
Virginia Regional Transit - Town Of Front Royal	818	1,300	-37%	818	1,300	-37%
Staunton District Total	**69,506**	**62,045**	**12%**	**69,506**	**62,045**	**12%**
GRAND TOTAL	**17,479,619**	**17,592,142**	**-1%**	**17,479,619**	**17,592,142**	**-1%**

CALENDAR COMPARISON	July 2009	July 2008	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008)	Percent Change
Number of Weekdays	22	22	0%	22	22	0%
Number of Saturdays and Sundays	8	8	0%	8	8	0%
Number of Holidays	1	1	0%	1	1	0%

PASSENGER RAIL ON-TIME PERFORMANCE	July 2009	July 2008	Percent Change	Fiscal YTD 2010 (July 2009)	Fiscal YTD 2009 (July 2008)	Percent Change
Virginia Railway Express	92.9%	81.2%	14.4%	92.9%	81.2%	14.4%
Amtrak*	53.1%	34.4%	54.4%	n/a	n/a	n/a

*Amtrak currently does not provide fiscal year-to-date on-time performance data.

**WMATA Metrorail has implemented a more accurate methodology for capturing Virginia-only passenger trips.